

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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DATE: October 22, 2004

RE: Length of Stay of CRT Clients: FY1991 – FY2004

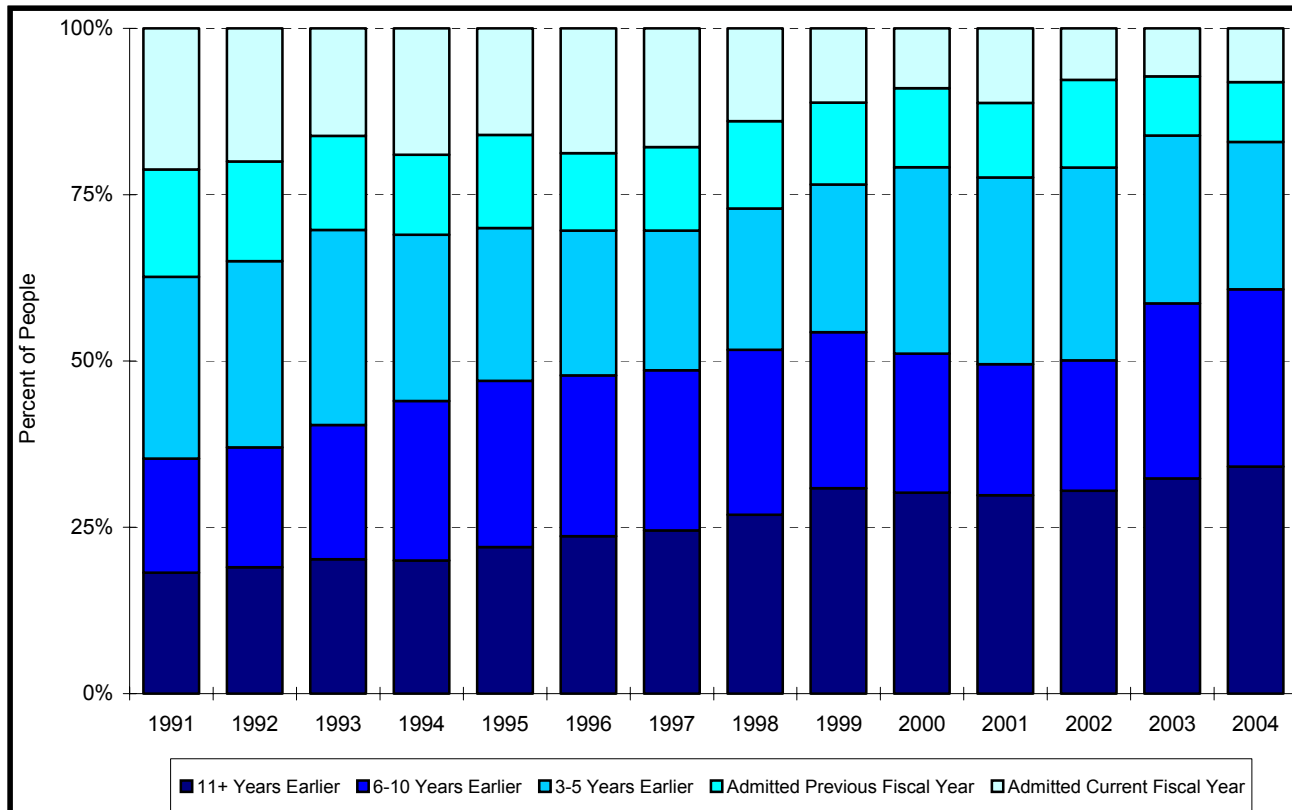
Duration of service is among the indicators of "services provided and received" that were recommended by the Vermont's Mental Health Performance Indicator Project Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group in June 2000 (www.state.vt.us/dmh/Data/PIPs/pipsrecommendedbyadvisorygrp.htm). This week's PIP updates information on the length of time since admission for clients served by CRT programs that was distributed in April 2002 (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/pips/2002/pip041202.pdf>). At that time, the information was considered to be relevant to the initiation of a managed care approach to CRT service delivery in 1999. The data reported this week includes a broader fourteen year context, including FY1991 through FY2004. Duration of service was measured by computing the time between the service year and the admission date reported in the Monthly Service Report data file provided to DMH by designated community mental health agencies.

As you will see, these data indicate there has been a substantial decrease in caseload turnover and a substantial increase in long term service recipients on the CRT caseload during the period covered by this report. During 1991 and 1992, about one-third of CRT service recipients had been admitted during the current or the previous fiscal year. Twelve years later, half as many CRT service recipients had been admitted during the current or the previous fiscal year. During 1991 and 1992, less than 20% of CRT service recipients had been on the caseload for more than ten years. Twelve years later, more than 30% had been on the CRT caseload for more than ten years.

We look forward to your comments regarding the source of the observed variation. Do these data reflect real differences in practice patterns? Do they reflect differences in administrative procedures or record keeping conventions among the agencies? Would you be interested in additional reports regarding duration of treatment? If so, what questions would you like these reports to address? As always you can reach us by e-mail at pip@vdh.state.vt.us or by phone at 802-241-2638.

COMMUNITY REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

TIME IN SERVICE FOR PEOPLE SERVED FY1991 - FY2004



Year	Admitted to Treatment										Total Reported
	Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3-5 Years Earlier		6-10 Years Earlier		11+ Years Earlier		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2004	259	8%	288	9%	710	22%	854	27%	1094	34%	3205
2003	231	7%	286	9%	810	25%	843	26%	1039	32%	3209
2002	255	8%	434	13%	955	29%	646	20%	1005	31%	3295
2001	359	11%	359	11%	899	28%	630	20%	955	30%	3202
2000	269	9%	356	12%	840	28%	626	21%	905	30%	2996
1999	341	11%	377	12%	681	22%	718	23%	946	31%	3063
1998	438	14%	413	13%	668	21%	780	25%	845	27%	3144
1997	576	18%	405	13%	678	21%	776	24%	792	25%	3227
1996	610	19%	377	12%	709	22%	786	24%	768	24%	3250
1995	502	16%	439	14%	722	23%	785	25%	691	22%	3139
1994	566	19%	357	12%	745	25%	715	24%	596	20%	2978
1993	441	16%	386	14%	799	29%	551	20%	551	20%	2755
1992	540	20%	405	15%	756	28%	486	18%	513	19%	2700
1991	556	21%	424	16%	715	27%	450	17%	477	18%	2648

Information is based on monthly service report data submitted by Vermont's community service providers and includes people assigned to Community Rehabilitation Programs. People with no admission dates are excluded from this table.